Colorado for Family Values

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PRESS RELEASE:

REGARDING THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON EVANS V. ROMER

Today is a truly chilling day for people of conscience across America. This decision of the United States Supreme Court represents a body blow against freedom of belief and freedom of association.

Three years ago the citizens of Colorado voted to protect the liberties of those who hold traditional views of sexuality. They hated no one, but merely wanted to keep government out of the business of legislating private decisions and historic controversies. Today our nation's highest court ruled that citizens do not have the right to protect those freedoms. Those forces bent on forcing a deviant lifestyle down the throats of the American people have moved a long step forward in making government their pet bully. Those who believe in neutrality, in "live and let live" public policies, and in keeping private disagreements private, have much to fear today.

Today is also a chilling day for our children. Just last Wednesday, we witnessed our governor giving a pro-homosexual speech to a classroom full of ten-year olds. Today's decision could make that kind of scenario commonplace.

Today's decision could also impact the fight to preserve traditional marriage. It may actually result in the legalization of marriages based on any kind of sexual so-called "orientation," removing all the boundaries of traditional marriage and embracing a completely new definition of what constitutes a marriage.

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Today is also a chilling day for America's ethnic minorities, who have fought so long and so hard to remedy centuries of oppression. Their hard-won legal remedies, carved out on the basis of unchangeable ethnic traits, have now been diluted to include people's choice of bed partners.

I ask Americans to consider -- is preferential treatment for homosexual sex in any way equivalent to the campaign Martin Luther King and his followers conducted? Make no mistake: today's decision gives homosexuals the de facto status of a protected minority. The integrity, indeed the entire meaning of civil rights law, has just been knocked down one giant notch today.

I also ask the people of Colorado to keep a close eye, in the months ahead, on the flood of pro-homosexual legal attacks which homosexual extremists will now initiate.

The results of today's decision could so deeply impact our entire culture that there may actually be an outcry from the people for Congress to impeach some of these justices.

Finally, I want to address the supporters of Colorado for Family Values. Thank you for your support and your prayers. Please know that today is not the end, but in fact the beginning. We will continue to fight for the right to hold and practice traditional beliefs.